DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 16-812/S-032

King Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
501 Fifth Street
Bristol, Tennessee 37620

Attention: Tom W. Der
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Mr. Der:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated October 4, 2002, received October 7, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Ketalar (ketamine hydrocholride for injection).

This supplemental new drug application provides for inclusion of a "Geriatric Use" subsection in the package insert.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the submitted labeling (package insert submitted October 4, 2002).

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 16-812/S-032." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2
FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Sara E. Stradley, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7430.

Sincerely,

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